Revision of pay scales of Assistants

†*317. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal for revision of pay scales of Assistants and Section Officers of the Central Secretariat;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any direction from PM Office in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken by his Ministry;

(e) whether his Ministry has repeatedly expressed its dissent on the said proposal; and

(f) if so, the basis of the same?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Finance had received representations from the Central Secretariat Service Forum for upgradation of pay scales of Assistants and Section Officers of Central Secretariat Service. The matter was examined and after due consideration of all aspects, including the views of Prime Minister's Office, it was agreed to upgrade the pay scale of Assistants in CSS. Further, it was also decided that with the constitution of the VIth Central Pay Commission, all other proposals for upgradation that might follow may be referred to the Commission. The Department of Personnel and Training has recently again referred the matter of upgradation of pay scales of SOs of CSS to the Department of Expenditure.

Organising of function in memory of Revolt of 1857

†*318. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:
SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to organise a function in the memory of first war of Independence of 1857;

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